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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: The 10 Feb SIG on Poland

1. This meeting discussed the mission, which the President has directed, to Europe to be headed by Undersecretary Buckley. The agreed aim is to deny resources to the Soviet Union directly or via the Eastern Europeans by stopping or delaying the Siberian gas pipeline and/or denying or limiting Western credits to the Soviet Union. This is to be a mission to tell the Europeans that we are prepared to take stern measures (and to indicate what offers we are prepared to make to help them).

2. Much of the discussion was on our leverage with the Europeans and likely European responses to our initiatives. (There was no optimism expressed on this subject.) A key question is what additional unilateral moves will the US take if the mission is unsuccessful. Also, what economic and political costs is the US prepared to pay in exchange for European willingness to accommodate the US? Olmer said that we could forget offers to buy European compressors for the Alaska pipeline. (Of note was the absence of discussion of trading off the territoriality issue for European limits on credits to the USSR.)

3. The schedule: comments to Stoessel by COB Thursday, 11 Feb, on the basic strategy paper; Treasury to do more work on the impact on the USSR of restriction of or more costly credits; terms of reference for the mission to be available early next week. The delegation probably will not leave before the end of next week.

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